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July 11th, 1848.

DR. BRIDGES in the Chair.

Letters were read from :—

Dr. Theodore Cantor, of the Bengal Medical Service, dated Fort William, January 8th, 1848, presenting copies of his publications on subjects of Natural History in India.

From Prof. A. D. Bache, Superintendent of the United States Coast Survey, dated Washington, June 15th, 1848, accompanying a donation from the Treasury Department of Maps of Edgartown, Black Rock, and Bridgeport Harbors.

From Dr. Joseph Leidy, Chairman of the Curators of this Institution, dated London, May 30th, 1848, announcing numerous donations to the Society, from various European Societies, distinguished naturalists and other sources, and among them a valuable series of casts of fossils from the Sivalik Hills, to be presented by the Hon. East India Company.

From Dr. Thomas Horsfield, Curator of the East India Company's Museum, dated East India House, June 22d, 1848, announcing that he had shipped for the Academy, the collection of casts of India fossils, (referred to in Dr. Leidy's letter,) together with a cast of the cranium of *Sivatherium giganteum*, from the original in the British Museum, presented by himself; also several numbers of his splendid work on the plants of Java, &c.

And a letter from the Secretary of the Court of Directors of the Hon. East India Company, dated June 8th, 1848, announcing the presentation to the Society, of the collection of casts of fossils above referred to, and enclosing a list of the same.

A letter was also read from the Secretary of the Geological Society of London, dated June 1st, 1848, acknowledging the receipt of a copy of No. 1, Vol. 1, New Series, of the Journal of the Academy, and of several numbers of its Proceedings.

July 25th, 1848.

DR. BRIDGES in the Chair.

Communications were read from the Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, resigning their respective offices, the latter in consequence of his removal from Philadelphia. The resignations were accepted, and the following resolutions unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society be, and they are hereby tendered, to Prof. Walter R. Johnson, for his faithful discharge of the duties of Corresponding Secretary, during the several years that he has been the incumbent of that office.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Society be tendered to Mr. John Lambert, for his able and assiduous attention to the duties of the Recording Secretaryship during his incumbency of that office.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Asiatic Society of Bengal, addressed to Dr. Charles Hufnagle, dated January 14th, 1848, accompanying the donation by that Society to the Academy, of 14 volumes of the Asiatic Researches, and 9 volumes of their Journal.

Dr. Morton read to the Society the following extracts from a printed copy of the will of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Stott, of Philadelphia :

"To the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, I bequeath my Plantæ Asiaticæ Rariores, in three large folio volumes bound in Russia leather, by Dr. Wallich, Superintendent of the Botanical Garden at Calcutta."

"By Dr. Samuel George Morton, I give and bequeath to the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, two thousand dollars, in trust, to invest and keep the same in good security, or in good estate, and to apply the annual income to meet the expenses of the printing and publishing such papers communicated to the Academy, as they shall direct."

The Academy then proceeded to an election for Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, with the following result :—

Corresponding Secretary—John Cassin.

Recording Secretary—William Gambel, M. D.

ELECTION OF CORRESPONDENTS.

Bennett Dowler, M. D., of New Orleans.

A. A. Henderson, M. D., U. S. N.

Robert M. S. Jackson, M. D., Indiana county, Pennsylvania.

August 1st, 1848.

Vice President MORTON in the Chair.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Royal Society of Copenhagen, dated April 20th, 1847, acknowledging the receipt of recent numbers of the Proceedings.

Also a letter from the Secretary of the American Philosophical Society, to the same effect.

An extract from a letter from Richard Brown, Esq., addressed to Prof. Johnson, dated Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia, July 13th, 1848, in relation to a new fossil plant, (*Artesia* or *Sternbergia*) recently obtained in his vicinity.

Dr. Gambel exhibited, and read the description of a new Mexican Quail, which was referred to a committee consisting of Mr. Cassin, Dr. Townsend, and Dr. Bridges.

Dr. Gambel exhibited and made some observations upon several Birds, recently collected in Florida by Dr. Heerman, among them *Rosthramus hamatus*, *Vireo longirostris*, and *Ardea Pealii*, notices of which will be prepared for publication in the Proceedings.